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In re Application of  
Sean J. Egan  
Application No.: 09/418,184  
Filed: October 12, 1999  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
ASSIGNING RATINGS TO MUTUAL  
FUNDS BASED ON THE VALUE OF  
VARIOUS FUTURE AND OPTION  
SECUTITIES

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the renewed petition to treat the above-identified application as special and advance the examination thereof, filed July 7, 2000, which is treated as a petition to make the above-identified application special under M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VIII).

The requirements for a petition to make special under MPEP § 708.02(VIII) have now been met.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire course of prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application file will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

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